**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

A quorum was attained and Commissioner Kanoyton called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

**Commissioners in attendance:**

Gaylene Kanoyton, Hampton

Councilwoman Andria McClellan, Norfolk

August Bullock, Newport News

**Hampton Roads Transit staff in attendance:**

Gene Cavasos, Director of Marketing & Communication

Joe Dillard, Organizational Advancement Officer

William Harrell, President & CEO

John Powell, Telecommunications Specialist

Dr. Brian Smith, Deputy CEO

**Additional Attendees:**

Johnna Cossaboon, Advantus Strategies

The Honorable Thelma Drake, Norfolk

Delceno Miles, The Miles Agency

Sherri Neil, City of Portsmouth

Carl Jackson, City of Portsmouth

David Westscott, City of Chesapeake   
Ron Jordan, Advantus Strategies

Janice Taylor, League of Women Voters South H.R

**Approval of March 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The March meeting minutes were approved.

**State Session Update**

Chairwoman Kanoyton recognized Mr. Jordan to bring an update on the Virginia General Assembly Session. Mr. Jordan stated that both he and Mr. Dillard are working with the state to determine the process of the upcoming tax collection on hotels in the form of the Transient Occupancy Tax. Mr. Jordan also stated that he was working to see which state elected officials will be joining the Hampton Roads Transit board.

**Federal Update**

Mr. Dillard moved to Federal legislation and detailed the possibilities of earmarks returning as “Community Project Funding” and Member Designated Funding Projects. Community Project Funding would be apart of the larger House Transportation and Infrastructure package to Surface Transportation Reauthorization. Mr. Dillard was planning to set up conversations with congressional staff to get the ball rolling on funding opportunities and Mr. Jordan was going to assist.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.